

120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

March 26, 1937

Mr. Robert Robertson,
Assistant Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York -

Dear Mr. Robertson -
Might I ask again your help in
identifying a coin? If genuine, which
I question, the coin which I enclose I
would guess to be from Palestine, and
probably first century B.C. How very wrong
am I?

Naturally I could not ask you to
assume any responsibility for the safe
return of the coin, through the mails.

If I might ask a further favor, I
would ask you to name some book
that would have a fairly complete
discussion of classical numismatics.

A self addressed envelope is
enclosed.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Marshall D. Sage

March 26, 1937

Mr. Marshall L. Page,
Room 533,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

Your letter to Mr. Robert Robertson at hand, and I am sorry to say that he passed away on January 22nd.

The piece you sent is not genuine. It is a casting in base metal of a shekel of the first century B.C. of Judea. The reasons why it is not genuine are as follows: It is not of silver. Its weight is entirely too light and the surface shows that it is cast and not struck. Also, the edge is unlike any genuine piece. These have been faked very largely.

About the best book that takes up the whole subject of Greek coins and which is obtainable is the *Historia Numorum* by Barclay V. Head. There are two editions of this and either edition will answer your purposes.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
New York

Dear Mr. Wood -

I am sorry to learn of Mr. Robertson's passing.
He was very helpful to me on several
occasions, and I sincerely appreciated his
kindnesses.

I cannot say that I was disappointed
to learn the shekel I sent you was a
fake, but I was particularly interested to
learn the means by which you determined
the fraud.

The *Historia Numorum* is, I understand,
now out of print - so that I'll have to
hunt around the bookshops a bit to find it.

May I thank you again for the
information that you gave me -
Sincerely yours,

Marshall L. Sag